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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 2872**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Keiichiro ISHIHARA

Application No.: 09/696,000

Filed: October 26, 2000

For: OPTICAL SCANNING  
APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM  
OPTICAL SCANNING  
APPARATUS, AND  
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Official Action mailed December 2, 2002, for one month, from March 2, 2003, up to and including April 2, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment fo the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

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The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, the Examiner is requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.